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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20041217), please consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Request for Extension of Time of three months with necessary fees.

In the event that this office action is not entered or does not result in an allowance of the application, applicants file herewith a Notice of Appeal (attached).

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